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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE --**  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to a final Office action herein, mailed 24 August 2007, time for response to which was set to expire 24 November 2007. This response is submitted within two months of the mailing date of the final rejection, and thus expedited procedure is requested. The pending claims, claims 1, 4 and 12, were rejected and the rejection was indeed final. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.